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El Salvador; Determination to Extend Emergency Ban on Pre-Hispanic Material Originating in the Cara Sucia Archaeological Region

Agency: United States Information Agency.

Action: Determination to extend emergency ban on pre-Hispanic material originating in the Cara Sucia Archaeological Region, El Salvador.

Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (Pub. L. 97-446); Import Ban on Archaeological Material from El Salvador. Pursuant to the authority vested in me under Executive Order 12555 and Delegation Order No. 86-3 of March 18, 1986 [51 FR 10137], I hereby find:

Pursuant to the requirements of section 304(c)(3) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2603(c)(3), with respect to the extension of an emergency import ban on pre-Hispanic material originating in the Cara Sucia Archaeological Region of El Salvador; and consistent with the favorable recommendation received from the Cultural Property Advisory Committee; and pursuant to the emergency provision under section 304(a)(2), 19 U.S.C. 2603(a)(2), -
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(1) That the material is archaeological and identifiable as coming from sites within the Cara Sucia Archaeological Region recognized to be of high cultural significance—that the sites in the Cara Sucia Archaeological Region represent a continuum of Mesoamerican civilization from the pre-Classic period into the 18th century and some sites may have a relationship to early pre-Classic sites in other parts of Central America lending archaeological significance to the Region;

(2) That the Cara Sucia Archaeological Region continues to be in jeopardy from pillage, which is, or threatens to be of crisis proportions—that apparent low-level pillage continues in the Cara Sucia Archaeological Region; that there is evidence of pillage in areas adjacent to the Region, in areas around the significant site of El Ceren in northern El Salvador, and at sites in the western part of the country; that an ambience conducive to further looting continues to exist in El Salvador, thereby posing a continuing threat of crisis proportions to the Cara Sucia Archaeological Region which has already suffered extensive irreversible depredation;

(3) That the emergency import ban would continue, on a temporary basis, in whole or in part, to reduce the incentive for pillage—that the emergency import ban has resulted in an apparent decline in the level of looting of the Cara Sucia Archaeological Region.

Determination

Now, therefore, in accordance with the aforementioned authority vested in me, and pursuant to section 304(c)(3) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2603(c)(3), I hereby determine:

(1) That the emergency condition continues to apply with respect to the pre-Hispanic archaeological material originating in the Cara Sucia Archaeological Region of El Salvador;

(2) That the emergency import ban that went into effect on March 13, 1987, is extended for a period of three more years effective March 13, 1992.

Dated: March 6, 1992.

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